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Stefanie Schaffer Continues to "Find New Roads" with the North Country Chevy Dealers

BURLINGTON, VERMONT (May 26, 2022) -The North Country Chevy Dealers came together with Stefanie Schaffer in Burlington, Vermont to celebrate the extension of their inspiring 'Stef Finds New Roads' partnership.

On June 30, 2018, Stefanie's life changed. She was on vacation in the Bahamas when she was injured in a horrific boat accident. Stefanie's injuries included broken bones, internal bleeding, spinal cord damage, and a brain injury. Most devastatingly, she lost both of her legs and became a bilateral amputee.

In February 2019, Stefanie began her journey to "Find New Roads" when she partnered with The North Country Chevy Dealers, a group of 15 Chevrolet Dealerships throughout Vermont, New Hampshire, and New York. The North Country Chevy Dealers offered Stefanie an opportunity to explore life on the road, something she thought she could never do again. They surprised her with a brand new 2019 Chevy Equinox, fully adaptive with hand controls.

"When I first started driving with hand controls, I thrived on the feeling of independence I had when I was alone in my Equinox, music loud," said Stefanie. "Now, three years later, each moment in my car brings me happiness. These moments, now frequent, remind me of how far I've come."

On May 19, in Burlington, Vermont they extended the partnership three more years. In recognition of the extension, The North Country Chevy Dealers provided Stefanie with a 2022 Chevy Equinox – this time in pearl white.

"The North Country Chevy Dealers have been an incredible support system for me these past three years," explained Stefanie. "After seeing what we were able to accomplish together already, I believe our potential is limitless. I'm so excited for Chapter Two." Speaking of Chapter 2, Stefanie has published her first book, a memoir encapsulating her journey thus far, *"Without any Warning, Casualties of a Caribbean Vacation.*"

The North Country Chevy Dealers' President Duane Coute notes, "Working with Stefanie these past three years has been nothing short of amazing. She inspires each of us to live life with a positive attitude. She continues to inspire, not only locally, but all over the country. The North Country Chevy Dealers are thrilled to extend our partnership with Stefanie and continue to share her story."

The "StefFindsNewRoads" partnership includes a sleek <u>new website</u>, photos, video, and a continued social media presence on Facebook and Instagram. Keep up to date with Stefanie Schaffers' journey with The North Country Chevy Dealers, by following her on Instagram and Facebook @steffindsnewroads. Visit <u>steffindsnewroads.com/media</u> to view an online media kit.